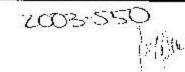


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BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary Public, personally came and appeared FRANCIS C. HEITMEIER, who after having been sworn by me, did depose and say:

His name is Francis C. Heitmeier and his address is 3709 General DeCiaulle Drive, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70114.

He is a Louisiana State Senator, representing Senatorial District No. 7.

He is submitting this affidavit to Michael S. Baer, III, as the chief clerical officer of the Senate in accordance with R.S. 42:1120, which provides that an elected official shall not be required to recuse himself from a vote which may involve a conflict of interest, if he prepares and files a statement as required by that Section.

During the current session of the legislature, as a state Senator he, along with the 38 other members of the Senate, will be confirming many appointments by the governor and otherwise required by law.

One of the persons to be submitted for confirmation, as a river pilot, will be his son, Cory Heitmeier.

He is able to east his vote on whether to confirm those individuals, including his son, in a fair and objective manner and in the public interest.

While he do not necessarily take that position that the above action would be a matter covered by R.S. 41:1112, he is executing this affidavit and filing his statement with the secretary of the Senate as a precautionary measure.

Francis C. Heitmeier

Sworn to and subscribed before me, Notary, this 9th of June, 2003, in Baton Rouge,

Louisiana.

Motary Public

I, Michael S. Baer, III, secretary of the Senate, hereby acknowledge that I have received the original of this notarized statement, and hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original as it appears in the official journal of the Senate.

Michael S. Baer, III, Secretary of the Senate